

Notice of Allowance dated 1-11-2005

Appl. No. 10/600,980

Comments dated 2-15-2005

Attorney Docket No. 1217-031149



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/600,980 Confirmation No. 7148  
Applicants : Yasunori Matsumura et al.  
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Title : Film Carrier Tape for Mounting An Electronic Part  
Group Art Unit : 1734  
Examiner : Long K. Tran  
Customer No. : 28289

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Commissioner for Patents

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 11, 2005. The Examiner stated as follows:

"Claims 1-8 are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art whether taken singularly or in combination, especially when these limitations are considered within the specific combination claimed, to teach:

An undercoating layer 21 (fig. 1) containing nickel; an average thickness of the intermediate layer 22 (fig. 1) containing palladium as a main constituent is 0.04 $\mu$ m; a surface layer 23 (fig. 1) containing gold formed on the intermediate layer; and among other limitations as cited in the independent claim 1."

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It should be noted that the language in claim 1 states that an average thickness of the intermediate layer containing paladium as a main constituent is not more than about 0.04  $\mu\text{m}$ . The Examiner omitted the "not more than about" language appearing in claim 1.

Entry of these Comments in the file history of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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